



# News Release

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## NEBRASKA HOG INVENTORY UP 5 PERCENT

LINCOLN, Neb., March 25, 2011 -- Nebraska inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2011, was 3.10 million head, according to the USDA's National Agricultural Statistics Service, Nebraska Field Office. This was up 5 percent from March 1, 2010 but down 2 percent from December 1, 2010. Breeding hog inventory, at 370,000 head, was up 1 percent from March 1, 2010 but down 1 percent from last quarter. Market hog inventory, at 2.73 million head, was up 6 percent from last year but down 2 percent from last quarter.

The December 2010-February 2011 Nebraska pig crop, at 1.77 million head, was 4 percent above 2010. Sows farrowing during the period totaled 175,000 head, up 3 percent from last year.

Nebraska hog producers intend to farrow 175,000 sows during the March-May 2011 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period a year ago. Intended farrowings for June-August 2011 are 175,000 sows, unchanged from the actual farrowings during the same period the previous year.

## UNITED STATES HOG INVENTORY UP 1 PERCENT

United States inventory of all hogs and pigs on March 1, 2011 was 64.0 million head. This was up 1 percent from March 1, 2010, but down 1 percent from December 1, 2010.

Breeding inventory, at 5.79 million head, was up slightly from last year, and up slightly from the previous quarter. Market hog inventory, at 58.2 million head, was up 1 percent from last year, but down 1 percent from last quarter.

The December 2010-February 2011 pig crop, at 28.0 million head, was up 1 percent from 2010 but down 2 percent from 2009. Sows farrowing during this period totaled 2.86 million head, down 1 percent from 2010 and down 5 percent from 2009.

United States hog producers intend to have 2.85 million sows farrow during the March-May 2011 quarter, down 3 percent from the actual farrowings during the same period in 2010, and down 5 percent from 2009. Intended farrowings for June-August 2011, at 2.87 million sows, are down 3 percent from 2010 and down 3 percent from 2009.

Access the National publication for this release at:

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